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the Remonte Schule in Gardelegen (M 53/Y 44), situated on the road to Helmstedt, was occupied by a rear detail of 4 officers and 30 BM. On 13 April, a train of 31 gondola cars and 12 boxcars carrying about 250 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets, 9 three-sectional pontoons with caterpillar tractors, 3 amphibious cars, 2 speedboats, 2 motorboats, 5 motorcycles, 1 truck with hoisting gear and about 25 trucks had left the post. A railroadman learned from officers that the train was bound for Weissenwarte on the Elbe River. *

2. the Fliegerhorst Kaserne 3 km east of Gardelegen, the installation was occupied by an infantry unit, an artillery unit, an AT artillery unit, a signal-communications company and about 50 air force soldiers on 20 April. The units had arrived on 15 April. A tank unit which had been stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne prior to 12 April left Gardelegen by rail. The unit and 12 T-34 tanks and trucks were loaded on 19 cars. the train was bound for Oebisfelde (M 53/Y 23). they were going to the area where they had held their spring maneuvers in 1951. 25X1

* Comment. The information refers to the departure of the 890th Indep Engr Bn of the LXIX Pz Rifle Corps. The battalion is believed to have moved into the area of the Dittkau engineer training site, though other reported that the training site was not occupied on 15 April and that the Elbe River meadows near Polte were partly inundated.

** Comment. The information on the occupation of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne concurs with previous information. The appearance there of tanks cannot be interpreted. The six T-34 tanks observed in the installation in early February 1952 did not belong to the equipment of the units there. Moreover, in a motorized rifle division, tanks can only be carried with a tank SP regiment. No information is available that maneuvers were conducted in the Oebisfelde area near the zonal border in the spring of 1951. 25X1

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